

# Covenant

**H**alloween is an odd abbreviation for All Hallow's Evening (you can find it in there if you squint a little). Much like Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve, it takes its cue from ancient datekeeping, where the date starts when the sun sets – so the “evening” of Christmas is the night before Christmas day. Likewise for Halloween – it is the night before the day of All Hallows or “All Saints Day” on November 1. The celebration of “Halloween” has undergone a little cultural drift.

All Saints Day, on the other hand, is over a thousand years old. It is a day to celebrate all the saints – people who have passed on in the faith. More than just the apostles and martyrs, this day celebrates all the people of God. Grandmothers and Grandfathers, Aunts and Uncles, Mentors and Friends; even children are commemorated on this day, and together, we claim that the saints still have meaning in our lives. I am who I am partly because of a mentor I had in my youth, a retired pastor named Ove Nielsen. He died shortly after I graduated from Seminary, and when we light candles on All Saints Day I am usually thinking of him.

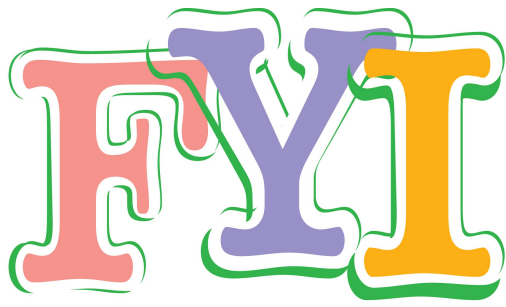
As the evenings get short, and the goblins and superheroes come to your door at the end of the month, I hope you remember that candy and costumes are not the heart of the day. The saints, and the effects they have had on our lives are. Have a blessed All Saints Day.

Pastor Joshua

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MAY GRACE AND PEACE  
BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE.



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

#### MISSION STATEMENT

We covenant ourselves to gather around Word and Sacrament for mutual support and strength in Christ, that by God's grace we:  
Proclaim the gospel of the Kingdom  
Nurture the community through Christian Education  
Provide settings for Christian fellowship, and  
Equip the membership to be Christ's servant people within God's world.

## Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 5  
12:00 pm

A time to give thanks to God for the animals in our lives.

### **Diaper Day**

is being rescheduled for October.  
Please watch upcoming announcements for the new date and time.

## Church Photo Directory



Time to start updating our church photo directory. We will once again be taking pictures after church service, so if you're not in the directory already OR if you want an updated photo, please watch for announcements for upcoming picture days and be prepared to have your picture taken. If you want a picture for your own personal use (i.e., Christmas cards) we are happy to share a digital copy with you upon request.

Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> is  
Reformation Sunday.  
Wear red to church!

*Do you enjoy scrapbooking  
and record keeping?*

*Contact the office if you would  
be interested in creating and  
maintaining church  
scrapbooks.*

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#### **Office Hours:**

Pastor Bruns—Mon - Thurs.: 9 am - 12 pm  
Office: M - F: 9 am - 12: pm  
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am Sunday  
Sunday School: 10:30 am Sunday  
Adult Bible Study: 4:00 pm Thursday  
Adult Book Study: 10:30 am Sunday



2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Seidel  
Shelley Sterling  
Sam Sherrill  
4<sup>th</sup> Lorretta Lauck  
Rich Bohm  
6<sup>th</sup> Joan McKee  
8<sup>th</sup> Sharon Catchpole  
11<sup>th</sup> Arlene Robbins  
14<sup>th</sup> CA Thomas  
Tony Rodocker  
22<sup>nd</sup> Cheryl Meier  
Dick Morrison  
23<sup>rd</sup> Frank Jesse  
24<sup>th</sup> Addison Walters  
28<sup>th</sup> Matthew Lubeck  
30<sup>th</sup> Mekayla Garcia



24<sup>th</sup> Pastor Joshua's Ordination  
4 years  
25<sup>th</sup> Terry & Nancy Lubeck  
40 years



## HANDBELL CHOIR

Practice will begin soon. Watch for announcements about practice dates and times! If you're interested in joining the handbell choir contact  
Connie Thomas.



Men's Breakfast

Saturday,  
October 4<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 AM

at Tasty Treats

## Adult Book Study

Join us Sunday mornings after church for an adult book study. We will be reading and discussing  
*The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible*  
by A.J. Jacobs.

**COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
September 11, 2014**

**Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

**Devotions:**

Devotions were led by Stu Hammersmark.

**Roll Call:**

Melissa Garcia, Pastor Joshua, Jim Lockwood, Beth Morris, Nancy Lubeck, Stu Hammersmark, Dorothy Lockwood, Lee Morrison, Terry Lubeck, Rick Robbins, Christy Watkins, Rich Bohm, Marge Scholton

**Absent:** Reed Elmquist, Dawn McKee, Sarah Jesse, Connie Thomas,

**Additions to Agenda:** None

**Thrift Store:** Marge asked if we wanted to run an add in the Tidbits paper, she added that the last time she ran one it did not increase traffic in the store. Council decided that it was really Marge's call. She did not think that she would run one.

	Receipts	Assistance	Ending Ck Bal	Ending Sav Bal
Thrift Store	\$8,147.89	\$743.25	\$6,051.47	\$12,267.84
Grandma's Attic	\$830.24	\$0.00	\$5,028.17	NA

Assistance figure does not reflect \$442.50 used to buy fuel for the vans. Combined volunteer hours worked at both stores 288 hours.

**Correspondence:** None

**Reports:**

**Secretary:** Rick moved, and Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the Secretary's report as written. Motion passed. Report posted on bulletin board.

**Financial Secretary:** Beth moved, and Melissa 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the Financial Secretary's report as written. Motion passed. Report posted on bulletin board.

**Treasurer:** Rick moved, and Dorothy 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Motion passed. Report posted on bulletin board.

**President:** Thought that Sunday school format went well.

**Elders:** Flexible schedules have been a real blessing. Nothing new to report

**Trustees:** The riding lawn mower is going to need a new battery. It was brought up at council, that the fan in the women's restroom is making strange noises and also that the transition in the men's restroom is loose.

**Pastor:** Written report available, posted on the bulletin board.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Education:** Hope everyone enjoyed the group Sunday school class; this will be a regular thing on the first Sunday of the month. Sunday school theme ties in with the scripture readings in church, right down to the goodie bags the kids pick up on their way into worship. Had at least one report that the goodies in the bag were not exactly equal; Sarah says she can fix that problem.

**Youth:** no report.

**Stewardship:** Did not meet this month, nothing to report.

**Worship:** Getting ready for setting 8.

**Women of ELCA:** No one knew that status of the prayer shawls; if it has not been done we wanted to send some to the Munari's. Still meeting for their birthday lunch.

**Hospitality:** Nothing going on.

**Men of Covenant:** 9 men met on the first Saturday of the month at Tasty Treats.

**Outreach:** Still doing CD's and communion visits.

**Altar Guild:** Nothing to report.

**Landscape:** Work day planned for Saturday Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. This will be primarily to clean up the prayer garden and to get the yard ready for winter.

**Old Business:** Columbarium: Nothing new to report, but Dorothy is sharing information with her committee and they will meet soon to form some kind of a game plan. If you are interested in being involved with, or on the committee, please contact Dorothy Lockwood.

**New Business:** Nancy brought up the fact that she has found some old accounts that have had no activity in several years (5-6 years). The example she shared was the Sr. High account, it has \$1,776.98 in it and no one on the current council knows what it was set aside for. If you have any information or old council minutes, please share them with Nancy.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer  
Next Council Meeting October 9, 2014  
Devotions for next Meeting: Connie Thomas

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Lockwood, Secretary



Platte County Memorial Nursing Home is once again accepting donations for their Safe Trick or Treating on Halloween. Last year 812 people visited the nursing home on Halloween – a real treat for children and nursing home residents alike. Please leave your donation in the Activity Room at the nursing home or call 322-6406 ext 2271 and someone will pick it up from you. Please make checks payable to PCMNH Activity Department. Thank you for your continued support throughout the years!!





# Pumpkin Decorating



**Who:** Kids, parents and any other interested members of the congregation – everyone is welcome to come!!

**What:** Decorating pumpkins to be auctioned off; auction will be held Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> during Fellowship time

**Where:** Covenant Lutheran Church

**When:** Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> after school (3:45 – 5:00 pm)\*

**Why:** To raise money for Vacation Bible School 2015

\*Transportation can be provided upon request. Please contact the office with any questions. If you have pumpkins to donate, please contact Sarah Rodocker about picking them up or simply drop them off at the church. Thank you!!



Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the paving project!!



# OCTOBER SERVERS

	ELDER		ASSISTANT		GREETERS
10-5	Christy Watkins	10-5	Connie Thomas	10-5	Lloyd & Maxine Koerwitz
10-12	Rich Bohm	10-12	Christy Watkins	10-12	Christy Watkins
10-19	Rick Robbins	10-19	Rich Bohm	10-19	Lloyd & Maxine Koerwitz
10-26	Connie Thomas	10-26	Rick Robbins	10-26	Beth Morris

	ACOLYTE		READER		USHERS
10-5	Sam Jesse	10-5	Jim Lockwood	10-5	Jim Lockwood & Don Dingman
10-12	Gage Brown	10-12	Merl Lockwood	10-12	Terry & Nancy Lubeck
10-19	Mekayla Garcia	10-19	Sarah Jesse	10-19	Jim Lockwood & Sam Jesse
10-26	Peter Jesse	10-26	Jennifer Bruns	10-26	Terry & Nancy Lubeck

	MUSICIAN		ALTAR CARE		VISITATION
10-5	Nancy Schumann	10-5	Loretta Lauck	10-5	Rick Robbins
10-12	Sarah Rodocker	10-12	Suz Strom	10-12	Nadine Morris
10-19	Mary Seim or Lisa Young	10-19	Marge Scholten	10-19	Cheryl Meier
10-26	Gwen Seidel	10-26	Hollee Bosch	10-26	Dorothy Lockwood

	FELLOWSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL
10-5	Rena Kittelson & Dingmans	10-5	Intergenerational Sunday School
10-12	Sarah Miller	10-12	Group #1: Joan McKee Group #2: Melissa Garcia
10-19	Lockwoods	10-19	Group #1: Sarah Rodocker, Sam Jesse & Gage Brown Group #2: Sarah Jesse
10-26	Beth Morris	10-26	Group #1: Dawn McKee & Carolyn Walters Group #2: Beth Morris

# OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 CHOIR PRACTICE 6:00 PM	2 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	3	4 MEN'S BREAKFAST AT TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM  HEART & SOLE 5K RUN/WALK
5 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS  INTER- GENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL  TAIZE 7:00 PM	6 CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00 PM	7 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	8 CHOIR PRACTICE 6:00 PM	9 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM  CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00 PM	10	11
12 TAIZE 7:00 PM	13 CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00 PM	14 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	15 PUMPKIN DECORATING 3:45 – 5:00  CHOIR PRACTICE 6:00 PM	16 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	17	18
19 TAIZE 7:00 PM	20 CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00 PM	21 WELCA B- DAY LUNCH 11:30 AM  PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM  WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM	22 CHOIR PRACTICE 6:00 PM	23 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26 PUMPKIN AUCTION  NURSING HOME SERVICE 2:00 PM  TAIZE 7:00 PM	27 CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00 PM	28 PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	29 CHOIR PRACTICE 6:00 PM	30 BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM	31	